Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount released
6.	*Welfare Package Scheme :*	
	(a) Thrift Bund Scheme	140.00
	(b) Health Package Scheme	56.80
	(c) Group Insurance Scheme	25.49
7.	Grant for Workshed-cum- Housing Scheme for Handloom Weavers .	31.00
8.	National Design Collection Scheme	2.25
	TOTAL PLAN	562.74
	NON-PLAN	
1.	Special Rebate/Market Development Assistance on sale of handloom cloth	1723.70
2.	Subsidy on Janata Cloth Scheme	1734.58
	TOTAL NON-PLAN	3458.28
	GROSS TOTAL OF PLAN AND NON-PLAN.	4020.75

Non availability of yarn

7631. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the plight of handloom weavers because of non-availability of yarn in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and North Eastern States and the steps taken by Government to provide relief in each of the States during the last one year;

(b) what is the total weight and value of export of yarn in 1992, 1993 and the first six months of 1994; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the export of cotton is also adversely affecting the interests of the handloom weavers, if so, what steps have been taken to protect their interests?

THE MINISTENR OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Problems faced by the handloom weavers is not the non-availability of hank yarn but the unprecedented increase in its prices. The reasons for increase in the prices of cotton yarn is mostly attributed to the increase in raw-cotton prices. Govt. of India has therefore taken the following measures for containing the prices of raw-cotton as well as the cotton yarn:—

(i) Duty free import of 5.00 lakh bles of cotton has been permitted. Subsequently import of raw-cotton has been put in OGL and the import has been made duty free.

(ii) Stcoks of raw-cotton held by Cotton Corporation of India are being released to the NTC, STCs and Cooperative Spinning Mills exclusively for production of hank yarn.

(iii) Import as concessional duty of 30,000 MT of viscose staple fibre has been permited;

(iv) The RBI has imposed a Selective Credit Control on cotton trading;

(v) The Cotton Control Order has been amended to provide for prescription of ceilings on stocks of cotton;

(vi) The Textile Commissioner has ordered extensive inspection of Prossing units to check on their holdings and adherence to norms;

(vii) The Textile Commissioner has ordered extensive inspection of (non-agriculturist stocks to ensure adherence of ceilings on stock holdings;

(viii) Advance Licence holders have been instructed to import cotton in advance before they can be allowed to export yarn;

(ix) The Textile Commissioner has started enforcing rigorously the 'Hank Yarn Obligation Order';

(x) Government has recently announced a scheme providing for a subsidy at the rate of Rs. 15.00 per kg. on the supply of 20 million kgs. of hank yarn during the 5 month period beginning from the last week of April 1994.

(xi) As a sequal to the efforts to Govt. of India the Indian Cotton Mills' Federation agreed to supply hank yarn to the State handloom agencies and National Handloom Development Corporation at Rs. 8.00 per kg. lower than the weighted average prices as prevailing in January 1994.

(xii) Ministry of Textiles has further asked Cotton Corporation of India to supply 75,000 bales of cotton available with it to mills of National Textile Corporation, State Textile Corporation and the Cooperative Spinning Mills with an express undertaking that these bales will be coverted into hank yarn and would be supplied execlusively to the handloom weavers.

(b) The total weight and value of export of cotton yarn during the year 1992, 1993 and 1994 (January-April 94) were as under:

Year	Weight (in Ml. Kgs.)	Value (in Ml. Rs.)
1992.	122.08	11043.82
1993.	165.94	14612.30
1994 (January—April '94)	14.70	7190.11

(c) Govt. of India is already adopting restrictive export policy for cotton yarn which is subject to further ceiling. In order to protect the interest of the handloom weavers export of hank yarn in the count group of 1-60s is not permitted.